

Discerning God's Will - (Duane and Lois Davis)

Availability – Isaiah 6:8 “Here am I; send me”

Prayer / Listening – Acts 1:4 “Not leave Jerusalem, but wait...”

God's Word speaking to you & examples of others – II Timothy 3:15-17 “training, adequate, equipped for every good work”

Time / Timing – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 “...a time for everything...”

Step by Step / Process – Acts 20:18-24 “...from the first day...serving the Lord with all humility with tears and trials”

Looking at how God has worked in you and through you – Paul above; giving thanks

Other people who have spoken into your life – Moses-Joshua; Paul to Timothy; Alan, Gordon, Mission Staff

Gifts and talents – I Cor. 12:4-7 “...to each one...manifestation... for the common good

Think outside the box – I Samuel 17:45-49 David's audacious faith and courage

God-sized dreams – I Kings 18:30-39 Elijah public, confident, daring, faith in God

Guidance Questions:

As you hear something or read something, what quickens your heart? Catches your attention? How? Why?

What has led you to this point, where you are today? What feels good about that? What feels scary?

When have you felt totally outside your comfort zone? How did you respond or work through that?

Are you and your spouse like-minded in the direction you are moving?

In what ways do you envision possibly joining forces with God to build His Kingdom

Some resources:

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/effective-prayers-for-discerning-gods-will.html>

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/leadership-training/sending-your-team/discerning-gods-will.html>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/8-keys-to-knowing-god-s-will-for-your-life.html>

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-56-discerning-will-god-acts-211-14>

Some other resources not directly related to discerning God's will but which influenced our calls:

<http://www.thetravelingteam.org/stats> 95% of Christian workers working in Christian world & 60% of unreached people groups are closed to missionaries from North America

Book: *Eternity in their Hearts*, by Don Richardson

Rich Church Poor World <https://fb.watch/5vJ61pR0v/>